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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: T. Lee
HIROSHI ENDO et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/080,861)
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Filed: May 18, 1998)
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For: IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM) May 7, 2004

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking further action in the above-identified application for one month from April 8, 2004 to Monday, May 10, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

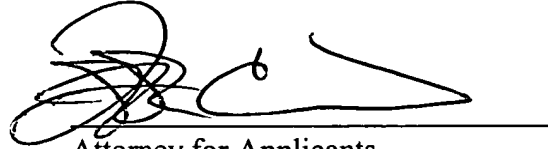
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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